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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	St. John, James H., 1827-1895
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Biographical Note

James Henry St. John was born on November 27, 1827 in New York to Henry St. John. In 1850, he was living with his wife, Livonia. They had seven children. St. John enrolled in the 83rd Indiana Regiment, Company K on August 29, 1862 in his hometown of Greensburg, Indiana. He achieved the rank of 2nd lieutenant by the time of his discharge on February 15, 1864. St. John died on February 12, 1895 in Anderson, Indiana and was buried in South Park Cemetery in Greensburg, Indiana.

In July 1978, Mrs. Earl Boston of Pendleton, Indiana, typed the entries from the 1863 Civil War diary of 2nd Lieutenant James H. St. John, 83rd Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, Company K. The entries are usually one or two lines. He numbered the letters that he wrote to his wife. On May 16, he wrote: "Champion Hill Battle fought. Marched from Raymond 8 miles North west and there found the enemy and a part of our men engaged them and fought a heavy Battle and above them 3 miles. Captured 15 hundred prisoners 16 guns." On July 4, James wrote: "In hospital sick, wrote to my Wife No 41, Vicksburg surrendered at 4 o'clock this morning." He was on furlough during the month of August and visited family members. November 25, he wrote: "the great battle was fought to day" referring to the Battle of Missionary Ridge at Chattanooga. At the end of the diary, James lists the cash he received from Captain Cresswell to buy provisions.

Scope and Contents

This collection comprises a transcribed and typed diary from James H. St. John in 1863, concerning his service with the 83rd Indiana Regiment during the U.S. Civil War.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- United States. Army. Indiana Infantry Regiment, 83rd (1862-1865). Company F.

Genre(s)

- Diaries
- Transcriptions

- War diaries

Geographic Name(s)

- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Military life

Personal Name(s)

- St. John, James H., 1827-1895

Subject(s)

- Champion Hill, Battle of, Miss., 1863
- Chattanooga, Battle of, Chattanooga, Tenn., 1863
- Diseases
- Military life
- Soldiers